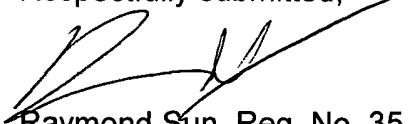


REMARKS

Original claims 1-17 have been cancelled. New claims 18-27 have been added. Claims 18-27 are pending in the present application. Prompt examination and an early indication of allowability are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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